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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS WITH FRENCH

1. ACDA OFFICIAL (FLOWERREE) CALLED IN TREMEAU OF FRENCH
EMBASSY JUNE 15 TO INFORM HIM OF US DECISION ON A CW ARMS
CONTROL INITIATIVE.

2. FOLLOWING PAPER WAS HANDED TO TREMEAU ALONG WITH PRO-
POSED KEY ELEMENTS OF A JOINT US-SOVIET INITIATIVE ON CW
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(SEPTEL). BEGIN QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS
COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) POLICY ISSUES.
WE NOW EXPECT TO PRESENT A CW ARMS CONTROL PROPOSAL TO THE
SOVIET UNION AT THE NEXT ROUND OF US-SOVIET CW CONSULTATIONS,
WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN GENEVA ABOUT JULY 5.

OUR PLAN IS TO SEEK SOVIET AGREEMENT TO KEY ELEMENTS OF A

COMPLETE PROHIBITION. AGREED KEY ELEMENTS WOULD THEN FORM THE BASIS FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT.

THE PROPOSED US POSITION, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH NATO SECURITY INTERESTS, IS VERY CLOSE TO THAT OUTLINED DURING US-FRENCH CW CONSULTATIONS IN MID-MARCH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE. END QUOTE.

3. WE ALSO GAVE TREMEAU BACKGROUND OF OUR EARLIER CONSULTATIONS ON CW WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS AND SUGGESTED WAYS OF KEEPING GOF AU COURANT DURING PERIOD OF US-SOVIET BILATERALS. WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SEND A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL TO EUROPE UNTIL END OF MONTH WHEN THERE WILL BE A NATO POLADS MEETING DEVOTED TO CW, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSULT THROUGH THE FRENCH EMBASSY PRIOR TO MEETING WITH SOVIETS. AFTER CONCLUSION OF FIRST ROUND OF BILATERALS WE COULD HAVE ONE OF OUR EXPERTS STOP IN PARIS TO BRIEF FRENCH OFFICIALS. TREMEAU SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT INFORMATION WE HAD GIVEN HIM TO ACTING DIRECTOR OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT MISTRAL AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH. CHRISTOPHER

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